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CERTIFIED MAIL RECEIPT NO.: 7011-1150-0000-8195-4038

Regulatory Division POA-2021-00378

Alaska Construction Inc. Attention: Mr. Ryan Smith P.O. Box 872725 Wasilla, Alaska 99687

Dear Mr. Smith:

This is in reference to a reported violation involving work the discharge of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the United States (U.S.) including wetlands. The alleged work consisted of the mechanized land clearing of approximately 6.5 acres of wetlands for the construction of Mile 126 Steese Roadhouse. The project site is located within Section #, T. 9 N/., R. 14 E., Fairbanks Meridian; USGS Quad Map Central C-2 SW; Latitude 65.57033° N., Longitude 144.85272° W.; at Mile Post 126.2 Steese Highway, near Central, Alaska. Several attempts to contact you were made at the Mile Post 126.2 Steese Roadhouse construction site while in the area conducting compliance visits during the week of July 11-19, 2021. To date there has been no response from you.

Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 United States Code 1344) requires that a Department of the Army (DA) permit be obtained for the placement or discharge of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the U.S., including jurisdictional wetlands, prior to conducting the work. The wetlands located within and around your construction site are considered wetlands and is a water of the U.S.

We are conducting an investigation to determine whether or not a violation occurred. Please provide any information you believe should be considered in our investigation, in addition to the following:

- a. Describe the work that was performed and the purpose of the work?
- b. When did the work begin, and has it been completed?
- c. Did you own the property when the work was performed?

c. What type and amount of material fill was discharged into wetlands?

Please include this information within Cubic Yards. Also provide an outlined area where the fill was placed on the overhead view of your project.

- f. What are your plans for the site including any structures, the area you have filled and/or intend to fill, and the intended use of the site? While at the construction site a large residential type structure and another structure platform was built. Please include work plans, including an aerial photo overview of your project. Include the size dimensions of each structure presently constructed and any that may be constructed in the next 5 years.
- g. Please provide the amount of fill which was placed within the mechanically land cleared area and the construction site.

Please include this information within Cubic Yards. Also provide an outlined area where the fill was placed on the overhead view of your project.

The requested information must be provided within **ten days** from your receipt of this letter. Please contact us at the telephone below, we would also appreciate a written response.

Please refer to file number POA-2021-00378, Boulder Creek, in future correspondence or if you have any questions concerning this reported violation.

Please contact Laurel Gale, Regulatory Specialist, via email at Laurel.A.Gale@usace.army.mil, by mail at the address above, or by phone at (907) 347-6496, if you have questions. For additional information about our Regulatory Program, visit www.poa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.

Sincerely,

Laurel A. Gale Project Manager

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